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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, 1998, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

Monday, August 3, 1998

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Petri).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, August 3, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 643. An act to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3504. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance.

H.R. 4237. An act to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment

in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3824. An act amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

- S. 1325. An act to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000, and for other purposes.
- S. 1754. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1759. An act to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States.
- S. 1883. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.
- S. 2375. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, to strengthen prohibitions on international bribery and other corrupt practices, and for other purposes.
- S.J. Res. 35. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement.
- S.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia.
- S.J. Res. 54. Joint resolution finding the Government of Iraq in unacceptable and material breach of its international obligations.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 21, 1997, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentle-woman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) for 5 minutes.

CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS "MAGNIFICENT 7" LEGISLATION

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I come this morning as the cochair of the Congressional Women's Caucus. There are now 55 women in the House of Representatives, 55 women strong, a high point and a high number.

For 21 years there has been a Congressional Women's Caucus. That caucus has been responsible for the lead of much of the most important family legislation to pass this House, from the Family Medical Leave Act to the Pregnancy Discrimination Act and the Violence Against Women Act.

We have normally had a very long legislative agenda with every woman Member putting her piece of legislation in and the caucus embracing all of that legislation. This year, we have decided on a more focused approach. With 55

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